#### THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Some Important Changes Recently Made by the President.

What the Changes Are as Described by Commissioner Eaton.

Mr. Eaton, of the civil service commission, having yesterday been requested by a representative of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN to state the nature and extent of the changes just made by the President in the civil service rules, said he could only speak for himself alone. He said the changes were few in number, and, with one important exception, that they introduced no new principle. No new rule had been made, no original rule had been superseded, no method had been condemned, but something had been learned from experience. With a single exception the changes had for their direct object a more exact adaptation of the rules to the needs of the public service and the greater the needs of the public service and the greater convenience and justice in the examination.

One change provides that no person, while under enlistment in the army or navy, shall be examined for the civil service. Another provides that no person, having failed at one examination, shall within six months be addited to enother without the constant of the be examined for the civil service. Another provides that no person, having failed at one examination, shall within six months be admitted to another without the consent of the commission, and Mr. Eaton added that his view was that such consent would not, except for peculiar reasons of justice in any particular case be given, and that the reasons therefor would appear on record. A third change enlarged the authority of the commission over technical examinations. A fourth provided for postmasters and collectors keeping the examining boards informed as to the appointments and promotions at their offices. A fifth change declares that competitive examinations for promotions shall be introduced so far as they may be deemed useful. He thought the commission would centinue to carefully consider that subject. But the amendment of rule 8 is by far the most important. It affirms a new principle and adds a new safeguard, in the spirit of the civil service act, and upon the theory, according to which all the rules were framed. It is true that the act says nothing as to the ground of selection by the appointing power of one to fill a vacancy out of the four persons who may be certified from among those graded highest. The original rules, like those adopted by President Grant and President Hayes, were silent on that point. The English rules have also been equally silent. The basis of selection under cach has been left to mere inference. The unamended eighth rule merely prohibited any inquiry "on the part of the commissioners or examiners concerning political or religious opinions or applications and all discrimination by them by reason thereof, if known. But it did not in terms touch the discretion of the appointing power in that regard. While, therefore, it was plain enough that a system which aims to raise character and capacity above favor, partisanship, and influence in making such selections is, in spirit, repugnant to all such discrimination, it was not less plain that such discrimination in might be unde without violat facts to be that no such discrimination has been made under the present rules, and that none has been connived at by those in high authority, but quite the contrary. President Arthur seems to me to have thought that responsible declarations on such a subject should be as comprehensive as public duty and professed principles. But I have no right to speak for him. He has at any rate so amended and enlarged the eighth rule that it now distinctly prohibits the appointing power alike in every department and in every postoffice and customs office to which the rules extend from making any discrimination in selecand customs office to which the rules extend from making any discrimination in selections for appointments by reason of any political or religions opinion or affiliation. A public and responsible pledge of impartiality and justice can, I think, go no further. For, unless the rule is deliberately resisted or evaded, every opportunity of party advantage through patronage according to the old theory is waived. Superior character and capacity, as disclosed in the sworn statement of the applicant in applying to be examined, and the record which each makes for himself upon his examination, are made the sole tests of selections for the public service. Political tests and party influence are for the first

time absolutely and universally condemned and excluded.

"The full significance of this change cannot be understood except in the light of the fact that the twenty-second rule makes any vio-lation of either rule by an executive officer lation of either rule by an executive officer a good cause for removal, and of the further fact that the civil service act authorized the commission to make investigations and report concerning the enforcement of the act in such particulars. It is for such reasons that I must regard the amendment as the most emphatic assertion yet made of the spirit of true reform, and as having a significance beyond what can be attached to any single provision in any civil service rules cance beyond what can be attached to any single provision in any civil service rules ever yet adopted. I repeat that, in what I have said, I state my own views only, and I must not be regarded as assuming in the least degree to represent any other person."

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PENSION FRAUDS.

#### Col. Corkhill Pushing the Investigation Attorney General Brewster Writes a Vigorous Letter on the Subject.

The following letter from the attorney general explains itself. Under previous instructions from him, Col. Corkhill, United States district attorney, at this point has nearly completed a number of cases of frauds upon pension claimants for the action of the grand jury. He has received a large number of fraudulent circulars and letters explaining the use made of them. He is desirous that soldiers or their friends having copies of such circulars, or knowledge of such attempted frauds, will at once send him full information, and be particular to send the number by which the claim in each case is known at the pension office.

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DEFARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, NOV. 7, 1883—TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR: Referring to your letter of the second instant, respecting the appointment by the commissioner of pensions of a person to aid the United States district attorney for this district in the investigation of all claims for pensions as and bounties, in connection with which charges are made against attorneys, and to examine such cases as he, the said district attorney, shall desire to present to the grand jury, I agree with you that such an appointment cannot be made to examine cases where the offenses charged are not offenses against the United States, but the district attorney in his letter to you of the twenty-third ultimo includes cases where these pension agents make formal applications to the pension office, well knowing that the claims they present are fraudulent. This is an offense against the United States.

So far as the district attorney makes charges of crimes against the United States he should be aided in the examination of such eases by an officer of the pension bureau specially detailed for that purpose by the commissioner.

The evil set forth by the district attorney is a growing one, and all means that can legally be employed to suppress it ought, in my opinion, to be put in mucion for that end.

Permit me with this to send you the advance proof sheets of the Second anditor's repert, pages it and is, which disclose a frightful condition of organized fraud against the poor and helpless who have either served their country themselves and live mained and broken down in health, or who have left destitute women and children, all of whem are now the victims of these designing, bad men, who rob them of their little savings and earnings under color of gains they are never to have, and overload the nutilite departments with work that hinders the necessary progress of their proper basiness. If this can be put an ond to by the intervention of the officers of the Unite the pension office.

Court of Alabama Claims.

In the court of commissioners of Alabama claims yesterday judgments were announced claims yesterday judgments were aunonuced as follows, with interest at 4 per cent. from warlous dates in 1863 or 1864: No. 1536, Charles W. Cetting and William C. Tebbetts, executors of David B. Jewett, deceased, \$670; No. 1537, William Humphrey and Ebenezer L. Twisden, of firm Humphrey & Twisden, \$551; No. 1436, Charles L. Pearson, administrator estate of John H. Pearson, \$8,583; No. 2381, George C. Munro, aurviving partner of firm of G. C. & W. J. Munro, \$914; No. 2384,

Carles Lunt, \$226; No. 2335, Benjamin F. Stanly, \$90; No. 755, Aaron Hobert and Goo, Thatcher, executors of Isaac Thatcher, surviving partner of firm of Fearing, Thatcher & Co., \$3,234; No. 962, Aaron Hobert and Goo. Thatcher, executors of Isaac Thatcher, dec. a.sed, \$154; No. 962, Elisha Bangs, \$124; No. 962, Elisha Bangs, \$124; No. 962, Elisha Bangs, \$124; No. 962, Joseph H. Seans, \$124; James O. Curtis

THE MARINE CORPS.

Annual Report of the Commandant-In-

teresting Figures. Col. C. G. McCawley, commandant of the marine corps, in his annual report dated Oct. 1, 1883, states that on that date there were 1,887 enlisted men in the corps, 883 of whom were on board ships in commission, and 1,004 doing duty at the several shore stations. During the year there were 888 enlistments, During the year there were SSS enlistments, 131 re-enlistments, 431 discharges, 16 deaths, and 564 desertions. He invites attention to the necessity of an increase of privates, as great inconvenience is felt for the want of them. He is unable to supply the demands of nany yards and vessels for them, and the service suffers accordingly. The number required is already allowed by law, and all that is necessary is an increase of appropriation, and it is hoped that congress will make an increase at the next session of congress. Congress at its last session having authorized

an increase at the next session of congress. Congress at its last session having authorized the appointment of eight more second lieutenants, with the understanding that the whole number provided for by law should hereafter be appointed, estimates were made for thirty second lieutenants as formerly.

An appropriation for barracks and quarters at the Norfolk navy yard is urgently needed. A large building in a suitable position now there can easily be converted into a commodious barrack building; and quarters for officers can be built upon several vacant spaces in the navy yard. An estimate for this will be submitted. The reports of inspectors at the different posts and of guardes of vessels returning from cruises show an excelient state of effiferent posts and of guards of vessels returning from cruises show an excellent state of efficiency and discipline, which is confirmed by a personal inspection at the post. The officers are zealous and attentive to duty, and the men (though not enough in number to do all required of them) are willing and subordinate and elicit marked praise whenever they appear in public or are called on in emergency. It is hoped that the regulations drawn up by the recent naval board will be approved, as they are needed to define the duties on shore and afloat.

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The recent appointment of officers from the naval academy is a long-desired step in advance, and will, it is believed, have excellent results for the service at large. Recruiting has been carried on at Boston, New York, and Mare Island, Cal., with moderate success. The limited number of men forces the sending tosea of those who have not been a sufficient time enlisted to be well drilled soldiers. Men ought to be one year in garrison before going to sea. Good results have been secured in target practice. Five deaths occurred among the marine guard at Pensacola, Fla., from yellow fever. The camp, now some miles distant, is free from disease, and it is hoped will continue so until frost sets in. First Lieut. A. S. Taylor, in command, is commended for his efficiency in this emergency. One captain has been retired and one first licutenant has resigned. No other changes in the active list have taken place, except the appointments before meutioned.

The Greely Relief Investigation.

The Greely Relief Investigation. The court of inquiry appointed by the sec retary of war to investigate all the circumstances attending the organization, fitting out and subsequent failure of the Greely relief expedition met at the old navy department building this morning, all the members being in attendance. Maj. Goodfellow, the recorder, administered the oath of office to the mem-bers of the court, and was then sworn in himbers of the court, and was then sworn in himself by Gen. Benet, the presiding officer. The
court then held a secret session,
lasting several hours, during which
a general plan of procedure was considered
and agreed upon so far as to decide to begin
the consideration to-morrow morning of the
correspondence incident to the organization
and fitting out of the expedition, including
the instructions issued to the officer in command. It is understood that the taking of
oral testimony will be deferred until after all
the documentary evidence required by the
court shall have been submitted.

Supervising Architects Report. The annual report of Mr. James G. Hill, as supervising architect of the treasury, has just been submitted to Acting Secretary French. It is almost entirely statistical. It contains neither recommendations of a general character nor estimates for the next fiscal year. The work performed on the various public buildings now in course of construction is explained in detail, and figures are given showing the exact condition of the appropriations in each case. The de-tails of the report will not be made public until the return of Secretary Folger. M. E. Bell, the new supervising architect, will take charge of the office to-day.

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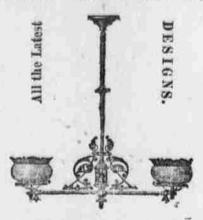
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